

SENATE BILL 2475

By Miller J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, relative to weapons on school property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Law enforcement officers;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, is further amended by adding the following new subdivision to subsection (e):

(8)(A) Any employee of a college, university, or other school of higher education who has in his or her possession a valid permit issued to such employee to carry a firearm under the laws of this state and who meets the following additional requirements:

(i) The employee is carrying, or attempting to carry, a firearm concealed;

(ii) The employee proceeds by a reasonably direct route, from or to his or her means of conveyance or entrance to the property of the school, and to or from his or her office or other assigned place where his or her property may be stored; and

(iii) The firearm is kept in such office or at such other assigned place, in a locked portion of a container such as a desk, credenza, file cabinet, closet, or locker to which only he or she has access under ordinary circumstances;

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(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, employees may not be denied the rights given them by this subdivision by any means, direct or indirect, nor may they be penalized, directly or indirectly, by their employer or otherwise for exercising these rights, and neither employers nor related entities may be held responsible for any acts of such employees when exercising these rights.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.